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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA-ROMANIA TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

1. AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, J.D. ANTHONY, VISITED ROMANIA FROM JULY 10 TO 14, 1976, AND MET WITH THE ROMANIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, ION PATAN, AND THE MINISTER FOR MINES, OIL AND GEOLOGY, B. ALMASAN. THE PRINCIPAL TOPICS DISCUSSED RELATED TO TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PRESS RELEASE REPORTS THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPORTING AUSTRALIAN BEEF AND LIVESTOCK, IRON ORE, AND ADDITIONAL TONNAGES OF COAL TO ROMANIA. POSSIBLE ROMANIAN EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA WOULD INCLUDE LOCOMOTIVES, ROLLING STOCK AND EQUIPMENT, AND MORE CROSS-COUNTRY VEHICLES.

3. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED THAT INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN MINING AND PETROLEUM AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, WOULD BE IN THE MUTUAL

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INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL MIS-

SIONS SHOULD ALSO BE INCREASED BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES.

4. THE AUSTRALIAN ROMANIAN DISCUSSIONS IN BUCHAREST WERE PRECEDED BY SIMILAR MEETINGS IN CANBERRA. DURING THE CANBERRA SESSIONS, THE TWO COUNTRIES NEGOTIATED BILATERAL SALES CONTRACTS INVOLVING AUSTRALIAN COKING COAL AND ROMANIAN CROSS-COUNTRY VEHICLES, MACHINE TOOLS AND VARIOUS OTHER CONSUMER GOODS AND FOODSTUFFS. THE PREVIOUSLY NEGOTIATED COKING COAL CONTRACT WAS FOR 2-3 MILLION TONNES OF COAL TO BE DELIVERED OVER A PERIOD OF NINE YEARS. THE INITIAL COAL DELIVERY HAS BEEN MADE.

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